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1. At 0030 on 27 July 1954, an undetermined number of troops, which had come from the direction of Eberswalde, assembled in the Spechthausen-Biesenthal area and three columns, which had come from the direction of Bad Freienwalde, assembled in the following areas: the first column consisted of 10 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and trucks with personnel [redacted] and went to the Dannenberg-Koethen area. The second column consisted of 6 x 57-mm AT guns 4 half-track vehicles mounting twin-barreled AA machine guns and trucks [redacted] and went to the woods east of Gersdorf. The third column consisted of tanks, 57-mm AT guns, motorcycle riflemen, trucks [redacted] and bus [redacted] and went to the Wollenberg-Woelsickendorf area. At dawn, the attack started toward the Trampe training area. The troops fired with blank cartridges and ball cartridges.
2. Between midnight and 0400 on 27 July, about 10 tanks and 100 trucks passed through Dannenberg. They came from the direction of Bad Freienwalde and went toward Gersdorf. At 1100, a column of 56 trucks, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 5 x 120-mm mortars, 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 personnel carriers some of which mounted 20-mm twin barreled AA guns, and about 400 soldiers came from the direction of Gersdorf and went toward Bad Freienwalde. [redacted]

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[] Comment. The area southwest of Bad Freienwalde and south of Eberswalde has frequently been utilized for exercises by units of the 6th Gds Mech Div. The present information indicates that the division, in late July, conducted exercises in this area which [] involved units of the 16th Gds Mech Regt and the 95th (?) Mtrcl Bn from Bad Freienwalde, the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt and, presumably, the 17th Gds Mech Regt from Eberswalde. [] [] units of the 63d AAA Div may have also participated. []

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